UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA   :

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        v.   :   CR No. 05-64ML

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JOHN DeSILVERIA   :

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Before this Court is John DeSilveria's Motion for Appointment of Counsel. (Document No. 26). The Motion for Appointment of Counsel has been referred to this Court for determination. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A); LR Cv 72(a). For the reasons set forth below, DeSilveria's Motion for Appointment of Counsel is DENIED.

There is no absolute right to an attorney in a civil case. DesRosiers v. Moran, 949 F.2d 15, 23-24 (1st Cir. 1991). Before appointing an attorney, the Court must look to the type and complexity of the case, and the ability of Plaintiff to prosecute it. Id.; Whisenant v. Yuam, 739 F.2d 160 (4th Cir. 1984). This analysis also applies to persons, such as Plaintiff, seeking habeas corpus relief, Reese v. Fulcomer, 946 F.2d 247, 264 (3rd Cir. 1991), cert. denied, 503 U.S. 988 (1992) (no evidentiary hearing), and it also includes post-hearing motions, United States v. Seretti, 754 F.2d 817 (9th Cir. 1985) (petition for certiorari).

From a review of the documents filed in this case to the present time, the Court finds that if DeSilveria chooses to pursue a § 2255 claim, he has the capacity to prosecute the claim, and that he has a basic understanding of the legal procedures to be followed. If an evidentiary hearing is scheduled in this case, DeSilveria may refile his Motion for Appointment of Counsel and the Court will reconsider the request. Cf. Rule 8(c), Federal Rules Governing Section 2255 Cases. Thus, the

Court determines that DeSilveria does not, at this time, meet the test for appointment of counsel and

will, therefore, be required to prosecute this action by himself.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that DeSilveria's Motion for Appointment of Counsel is

DENIED without prejudice.

  /s/ Lincoln D. Almond
LINCOLN D. ALMOND
United States Magistrate Judge
February 15, 2008